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Millbrook Hosts Swedes In 9-6 Win

Close to 500 fans who attended the local arena on Monday night for Millbrook's first International Hockey Exhibition saw some of the best hockey in this area for some time as the local Millbrook Juveniles skated to a 9-6 win over the touring Gothenburg, SWEDEN Minor Hockey Club.

Although there was close to a two year age difference between our boys and the Swedish delegation, the type of play did not reflect it, as both teams played a fast skating and passing type of hockey play so typical to the European game plan.

Mike Corfe and Robbie Taylor led the Millbrook attack with both netting 3 goals each. Corfe also drew 2 assists as the high scoring line of Corfe, R. Taylor and Joe Clark (who assisted 4 times) continually, to bombard the Gothenburg goaltenders who held up excellently under the Millbrook pressure.

Scoring singles for Millbrook were Bob Brady, Randy Farrow and Steve Taylor. Jim Robbins played a strong game picking up 2 assists.

The Swedish team who were a bit intimidated because of a

rough game in Beaverton, Friday night took most of the first period to realize our boys can play a fast skating type of hockey and leave the roughness at home and being a bit smaller than our Juveniles got going on goals by Patrik Broberg with 2 and singles going to Peder Tell, Hakan Carlson, Jon Johnson and Ulf Kidmark. Swedish coach Christer Svantesson was quite pleased with the outcome and happy the game was good and clean and fast and had nothing but good wishes for our entire team and our association for their



Fast passing characterizes European-style game.



Millbrook scores during fast paced game.

enjoyable visit to Millbrook.

In the afternoon the people from Sweden were given a tour of the Kawartha Breeding Farms and also attended a Peterborough Pete's Jr. "A" practice at the Memorial Center and talked with coach Dick Todd.

Everyone who attended Monday night should be proud of our local boys for the sports-

manship and friendship shown both on and off the ice from the time of the banquet at 5:00 p.m. to the opening ceremonies at ice level, to the social gathering after the game.

Again I say to Danny Taylor and father Brian and the entire Juvenile team - Congratulations - for a job well done. Come on hockey fans, keep supporting our Minor Hockey

Association. Play-offs are just around the corner - let's put some good Millbrook spirit back into our arena, come out to watch some excellent hockey and cheer our local boys on.

N.B. The door prize winners were: Tim Fallis, R.E. Farrow, Lee Connell, Doris Dunlop, Steve Brackenridge and Dave Brackenridge.

Try Maple Trails This Season

By Deborah Luchuk

Attendance was good as Maple Trails Cross Country Ski Area opened December 31st, from as far afield as Belleville and Aurora, Ont. The groomed trails were busy with enthusiastic skiers - even more enthusiastic were the managers of the Trails, David Wiggins and Martha Corfe at such an excellent start for the '84 ski season.

Maple Trails Ski Area is located between R.R. 2 and R.R. 3 Millbrook on Country Rd. 10. It boasts a unique two storey chalet, heated by wood. There are approximately 21 kilometres of groomed trails, novice, interme-

diated and expert trails. These are identified by color coded markers and signs. Rentals are available - boots, poles and skis are rented for \$8.50; separately the boots are \$3.00, skis: \$4.50, and poles are \$1.00. A daily pass is quite reasonable: \$3.50 and no charge for children under 10. A season's pass is quite economical if you plan on skiing at the Trails frequently - one person is \$25.00, two are \$35.00 and every person after that is \$5.00 extra.

Events and new programs are presently being scheduled. Several school races are planned during the week (when the trails are not open to the public) and

there is a possibility that lessons may become available in the near future.

The Trails are open Saturdays and Sundays only.

Whatever your calibre of skiing ability, beginner or racer, why not try Maple Trails some weekend? There's sure to be some trail suited to your ability or preference of terrain - hills and flats are quite varied and numerous. A great trail for hill-lovers is the "Rapido," and for those of us who prefer flats, the "Tracks" is a must.

There's something for everyone at Maple Trails. For more information, call the chalet at 932-2075 (weekends).



—Phone by Wayne Eardley
Unofficial Citizen-of-the-Month Award goes to Russell Cannon, who has filled the gap ploughing sidewalks pending purchase by Millbrook Council of a Ford Model 1910, to be delivered this month.

CLUB NEWS

GAIL CAMERON SPEAKS TO W.I.

The Village People Jr. W.I. held their November 27th meeting at the home of Lorna Ketela.

Our guest for the evening was Gail Cameron from Pontypool. Gail is very adept at flower arranging and instructed us in making our own Christmas centrepiece. She also brought with her many of her decorative creations for the holiday

season.

A short business meeting followed with a report on the provincial conference from Pat Clark and Lois Neill. The members also made plans to provide a bountiful Christmas for a needy family; including food stuffs and gifts. A lovely lunch was provided by Lorna Ketela and Barb Werry.

Cavan W.I. Celebrates

By Nancy Mitchell

Our November 15th meeting at Beulah Robinson's was attended by 15 members. Business was conducted followed by refreshments. Due to the inclement weather our speaker for the evening was unable to attend, so everyone gratefully went home early.

On December 13th, 19 members enjoyed the warmth of Jill Staples' home for the Christmas meeting. It was decided that Christmas hampers would be made up for two local families to be distributed by Social Services.

Two hundred dollars will be sent to Peterborough Civic Hospital to be used towards the purchase of a much needed scanner.

Annie Sharpe reported on the Convention which she attended in November. Watch for more information on R.S.V.P.

programs to be held in February and March. Our program began with a discussion about Christmas customs from around the world.

Nancy Mitchell then sang "The Twelve Days of Christmas" followed by "The Twelve Days After Christmas" which were also acted out by the other members of the group: Arlene Wilson, Bonnie Willis, Bonnie Gilbert, Norma Worr, Jill Staples and Anna Brown.

Carols were sung by all members and then a delicious Christmas pudding made by Jill Staples and her grandmother and topped with a choice of two sauces was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to Janet, Jim and son Graham Kennedy on the birth of their baby girl, December 29th, 1983 from all the Institute members.

Drugs Destroy Too Many Young Lives

The best way to fight drug abuse is for a community to present a united front.

This was the general drift of a speech presented to a joint dinner meeting of six area Lions Clubs this month at the Millbrook arena.

Guest speaker at the

meeting to launch the Lions International drug awareness program in this area was Norman Panzica, senior consultant to the Council on Drug Abuse. He is also a consultant to the Surgeon General, Department of National Defence and to the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

Panzica has been involved with the problems of drug abuse for more than 20 years, since he was an investigative researcher with CBC-TV.

In that time more than 50 addicts have lived with the Panzica family while undergoing rehabilitation.

According to Panzica it is important for all in the community, law enforcement, business, medical professions, educators, clergy, parents, to work together to fight this problem.

"Drugs are destroying too many young lives," he said. "Society has to do something about this, and fast. Until we say, enough already, nothing is going to happen."

He said he was pleased to have the Lions joining the fight, "Lions make things happen."

Parents are the real key to the success of any program to fight drug abuse according to Panzica who said the efforts of police, teachers and the like will be fruitless unless they are reinforced at home.

He said children should not be encouraged to take pills. "If you have those multi-colored, chewable vitamins at home that look like television cartoon characters, flush 'em!"

"You can't prepare the world for your kid but you can help people prepare their kids for the world," Panzica said during his speech which touched on many areas of concern, including some common misconceptions about drugs.

One such misconception he cited was the belief by many that marijuana is not harmful or addictive.

"One joint," he said, causes as much lung damage as a whole pack of cigarettes or cigars. There are about 2000 chemicals in marijuana once you light it."

Some of these chemicals are "fat soluble" and the most concentrated areas of fatty tissue in the human body are in "the brain and reproductive system," Panzica told the audience of just over 100.

"The important affects are those you don't feel," he said.

We often hear that the best way to tell if your kid is on drugs is to look in the eyes for redness and dilated pupils.

not deny that these may be valid tell-tale symptoms of drug usage he suggested that the same symptoms could have other causes.

"When you are 14 or 15 the blackest day of your life is about three times a week and you have a major crisis at least once a month," he said. "On the blackest day of your life you cry, a normal reaction for someone this age. Crying causes redness in the eyes."

"If you want to see dilated pupils take a 16-year-old boy to a new car dealership."

Panzica said the place to look is not in the eyes but "at the report card. Marks go down, personality shrinks and the individual becomes lethargic."

A number of interesting statistics were also offered by Panzica.

He said he has never seen a school, with classes from grade seven up, that was free of drugs. Male drug users outnumbered female drug users "about six or seven to one." In the U.S. only one age group has a higher death rate that ever before, "males aged 15 to 24."

"in most cases drugs are bought from a pusher who is within one year of the age of the user," Panzica said.

"Although most kids don't use drugs, too many do" and educating the community to effectively deal with the problem is a difficult job. "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. I'm counting on the Lions to feed him salt," he said.

Millbrook shared sponsorship of the evening with Lions Clubs from Bewdley, Bowmanville, Cobourg, Newcastle and Port Hope.

These clubs will meet at a later date with other clubs from within their district to map out a strategy for organizing the drug awareness program for this area.

A book by Norman Panzica titled "Your Teen and Drugs ... A Parents Handbook on Drug Abuse" was made available to those present Wednesday evening and can be made available to others who may be interested. The cost is \$10 including postage and handling. For more information call 944-5517 or contact any Lion member.

A Pastor's Perspective

By Rev. Lorne Trimble

The news item in a Toronto paper some time ago read, "His Team Loses, Student Dies on the Freeway." "Death came for a young University student when he was struck by a car as he ran onto the freeway after his home football team lost 31-0 in an inter-residence contest. His team was favored to win. A note found in his pocket indicated suicide. Fellow students told police that he was bitterly disappointed over losing the game and had become depressed." The most ironic note in the article was the last statement: "The trophy for the house league was the lid of a garbage can!"

Before we shake our heads and say "ridiculous" or "incredible," we might look all around us and within us. We will find there are lives just as tragically used up; struggling for prizes or goals which are of no greater value. Many people are seeking desperately to make something out of life with minimal success. The quality of life we live; the goals for which we strive, and the measure of our achievements are often quite disappointing: yet, we hesitate to examine our lives very closely for fear of finding out how empty it really is.

The words come from Jesus who said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Has God given us any more than physical life and its' existence?"

Certainly, God does have a purpose and a plan for everyone of our lives; and the resources to make and keep us healthy and free within come from Him alone. Peace, Love, Joy, Understanding, Compassion, Grace; these become ours when we know Christ as Saviour and Keeper of our life.

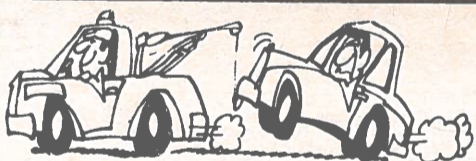
The Peanuts comic strip has Snoopy snoozing on the roof of his dog house and waking up to find himself being covered with a snowfall. His first reaction is: "It's snowing, oh well, pretty soon it will cover me up and I will be away from the world and all its' wars and troubles!" Yes, chemicals and snowfalls may well cover the situations we face in life for the moment, but, we need a deeper remedy for life's hurts and disorders than these. The real remedy from the consequences of wrong living is not reform; but cleansing. Until we can unload our quilt and sin, we have no ability of hope of changing our life style. To simply say, "Christ is the Answer" is a start; but to voice this slogan is useless until we invite Jesus Christ into our lives as our Redeemer. He loved us so much He endured the Cross. Forgiveness of sin, and release from fear and inner conflicts, do begin to happen when Christ is allowed into the human soul. No garbage-can lid trophies for anyone who knows and loves God. You can face all your tomorrows!

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Any guesses? This well-known area landmark was once disguised this way.

— Photo by Harald Glass

Cavan Township To Hold Social

By Vic Norman

A Special Invitation is extended to all the Residents of Cavan to attend a Special Social on January 27, 1984, at on January 27, 1984, at the Township of Cavn the Township of Cavan Hall in Cavan between the hours of 8 and 10 p.m. Come and meet all the members of Council and all the employees of the Township on an informal basis. Coffee and sandwiches will be served.

Council is still dealing with modifications to the Official Plan from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. It is

hoped that all modifications will be complete in a short time. A revised map with the changes in the agricultural designations is available for viewing in the Township Office.

The work on the Canadian Pacific Railway overhead bridge on the 8th Line is still in progress and should be complete by January 30, 1984. Council is contemplating an application to upgrade the bridge and realign it to accommodate heavier and larger vehicles.

Residents of Edgewood Park were asked to attend a Recreation Committee meeting to give their views on any improvements to their parkland in Edgewood Park. Only a few residents attended and no firm decisions were made at that time.

The Library Board has just completed calculating costs for year and are exactly within budget restrictions. A new budget for 1984 was struck and there has been an increase over expenditures for 1983.

Several rezoning applications were processed in compliance with the New Planning Act.

The following applications were approved:

1. Grace Newell - Lot 12, Con. 9.
2. Peter Anderson - RCP 123, Lot 7, East ½ Lot 6, Con. 7.
3. Kendra Anderson - RCP 123, Lot 8, East ½ Lot 6, Con. 7.
4. Margaret Ripley - Lot 12, Con. 1, RCP 115, Lot 2.
5. Edwin Smith - RCP 120, Lot 31, Con. 3; Lot 9.

Our secretary Nancy Davis has successfully completed her proba-

tionary period and is now considered regular staff in our office. We are pleased with her professional attitude and willingness to work and hope that she continues to work with the Township for a long time.

Salary negotiations with Township employees are now complete and Council has kept within the limitations set out by the Province of a 5 per cent ceiling. We are pleased with the work of our employees and hope that good relations will continue into the future.

Special congratulations go out to Gordon Bonner of Cavan who has just completed spending 6 weeks as a Page Boy in the Ontario Legislature. Well done Gordon!

A Special Meeting was arranged to discuss charges for street lights in Cavan and Bailieboro and it was decided that for 1984 the charge will be \$15.00 for each residence. Notice will be sent out in the 1984 tax bill.

Thanks go out to Councillor Ben Olan who, along with Steve Bernath and John Pritchard made a professional survey at Cavan Maple Leaf Park for the ball diamond and soccer field.

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Official Plan for Millbrook On the Way

By Celia Hunter

An Official Plan for Millbrook is finally in the works, with a completion date set for November 30, 1984.

Judy Coward of the Greer Galloway Group of Peterborough presented Millbrook Council with a phased program for developing the plan at their regular January meeting. The four steps entail background investigation, analysis of trends, formulation of goals, and finally plan preparation.

Input from villagers is encouraged, and residents of Millbrook are invited to bring suggestions and concerns to the attention of Council at regular monthly meetings or in writing.

"An Official Plan es-

tablishes the policies for development," states Coward, and "safeguards the Village's point of view." The quality of life and the proportion of residential, commercial, public service, and manufacturing designations are major concerns.

Prior to submission of the plan for government approval, discussion of the policies will take place at three consecutive council meetings this fall, and an open house and public meeting will be held to allow ratepayers to study the proposals.

Phase I of the program, entailing background and statistical investigation, is due for completion by March 2, 1984.

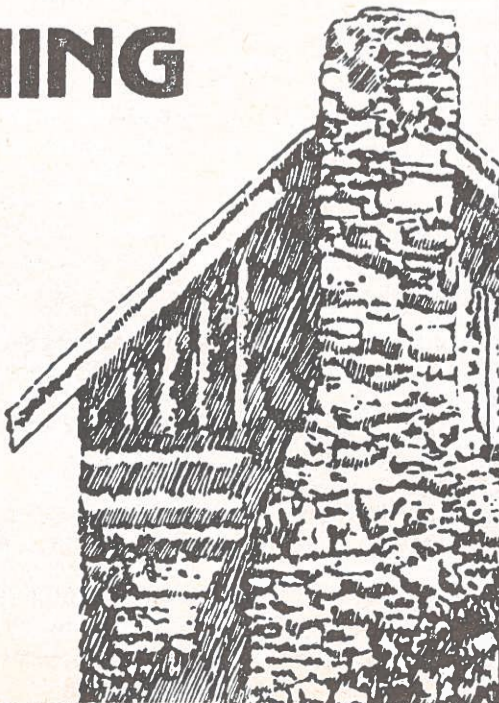
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Editorial

By Debbie Luchuk

The momentous year 1984 is upon us. The dreaded year of Orwell's frightening predictions and premonitions. A new year in which to improve our lot or worsen it by what we do in it.

Nineteen eighty-four doesn't have to be the year of wars and terrible destruction on planet Earth if we try to improve things as individuals and as a nation.

Perhaps we shouldn't be so quick to condemn Mr. Trudeau's "peace mission". After all, he is trying to preserve peace for us and indeed the world by trying to act as an intermediary between the U.S. and Russia in arms talks. If ever there was a time for action by the Canadian nation it is now. If countries, democratic or communist don't become concerned, we would have a war on our hands to end 1984 before its 366th day, to end existence as we know it in face of nuclear arms build-up by the superpowers.

As individuals, we should express our feelings on world affairs. If you don't agree with nuclear missile testing in Alberta, let the government know! If you want more action to create a peaceful planet, why not contact the government officials involved and let them know. For too long, Canadians have been blase about world affairs. It's time to stand up and be counted, if not for the world's benefit then for our country. I wonder if Canadians realize just how involved we will be in a nuclear war. We would be a battlefield for the U.S. and Russia or be destroyed by Russian missiles.

The time for action is now. The time for peace is now. Orwell's 1984 should make us think. Let's make 1984 a memorable year in the years to come, not a memory in the universe as the year the earth ceased to exist.

Your comments are welcome.
Deborah Luchuk
Editor-In-Chief

Letter to Editor

To: The Editor and the people of Millbrook and Cavan;

The Play, "Anne of Green Gables", was an example of the verve and enthusiasm of the high school students. Beautifully done. So much effort and dedication in the small town, in the beautiful church of St. Andrews.

Marilla's final song of grief and sorrow, brought tears to the eyes of the audience as well as the management of the play. There were real tears and real sorrow in the voice of and on the cheeks of the singer! Have been "wondering" since reading the last Highlighter, if these tears and sorrow were more than mere histrionics?

Maybe it occurred to the actress that if Millbrook High School is moved, shut, done away with, and the students sent to Peterborough, this would be the final play for the youth of the town.

There isn't much at the moment to hold the youth of the town in Millbrook and they are its heart. Not only should the High School of the town stay and with respect; there should be a small college built or a technical school as well. People CREATE their own industry and the better educated, the better the chance of a good clean industry, giving the youth roots in their home town and a place to be edified as well as to work. KEEP THE HIGH SCHOOL, meet the other needs as they come. Come on Hon. Uncle Allan L. put your shoulder to "The Board", and help the people who voted you into your M.P. legislative spot, to keep their high school.

To lose this paper would be a great loss as well.

Sincerely and indignantly,
Mary Morris.

Now that the holiday season is behind us and we are well into another winter — a time when some of you are thinking of travel to exotic places — I felt this might be an appropriate occasion to say something about a matter that is a little different and completely non-political. I'm referring to your Canadian passport.

When your application is completed, you can get your passport in either of two ways:

The first way, which is by far the fastest and surest, and which I would recommend to any of you having regular access to Toronto, is to take your application to either of the two over-the-counter passport offices serving the Toronto area. One of these offices is right downtown, on the 10th floor of the Royal Trust Tower, one of the buildings in the Toronto-Dominion Centre, near Bay and King Streets. The other over-the-counter office is in North York, on the ground floor of the Government of Canada Building at 4900 Yonge

Street.

Each of these Toronto offices is open weekdays only, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will have your passport ready in three working days. But please remember that these offices only provide over-the-counter service. You must take in your application and pick up your passport when it is ready. They can't accept mailed applications. You can pay them the \$21 fee with cash, a money order, or with your certified personal cheque.

The other way to apply for your passport is by mail, and should only be used when you won't need the passport within a couple of months or so. You simply mail the completed application, the required certified photos and documents and your certified cheque or money order — but no cash — to the passport office address given on the application form. With our postal service as it is, I'd recommend that you send the application by registered mail, and allow at least six weeks

for delivery. With this arrangement, your passport will be mailed to you at your home address.

Of course, we all know that emergencies do happen, such as serious illness or a death in the family, which require urgent travel. In such cases of genuine emergency, the office in the Toronto-Dominion Centre can provide you with a passport in a matter of hours. You still will have to make out a proper application; and they will want some proof of the emergency, such as a letter or telegram, and will want to see your valid airline ticket.

So, if you're planning a trip south this winter or a vacation next summer in another country where a passport is required, I'd strongly suggest that you check right now to make sure that you have a passport, and that it still will be valid for the time of your trip.

Particularly — and I can't emphasize this enough — do not make any definite travel or accommodation reser-

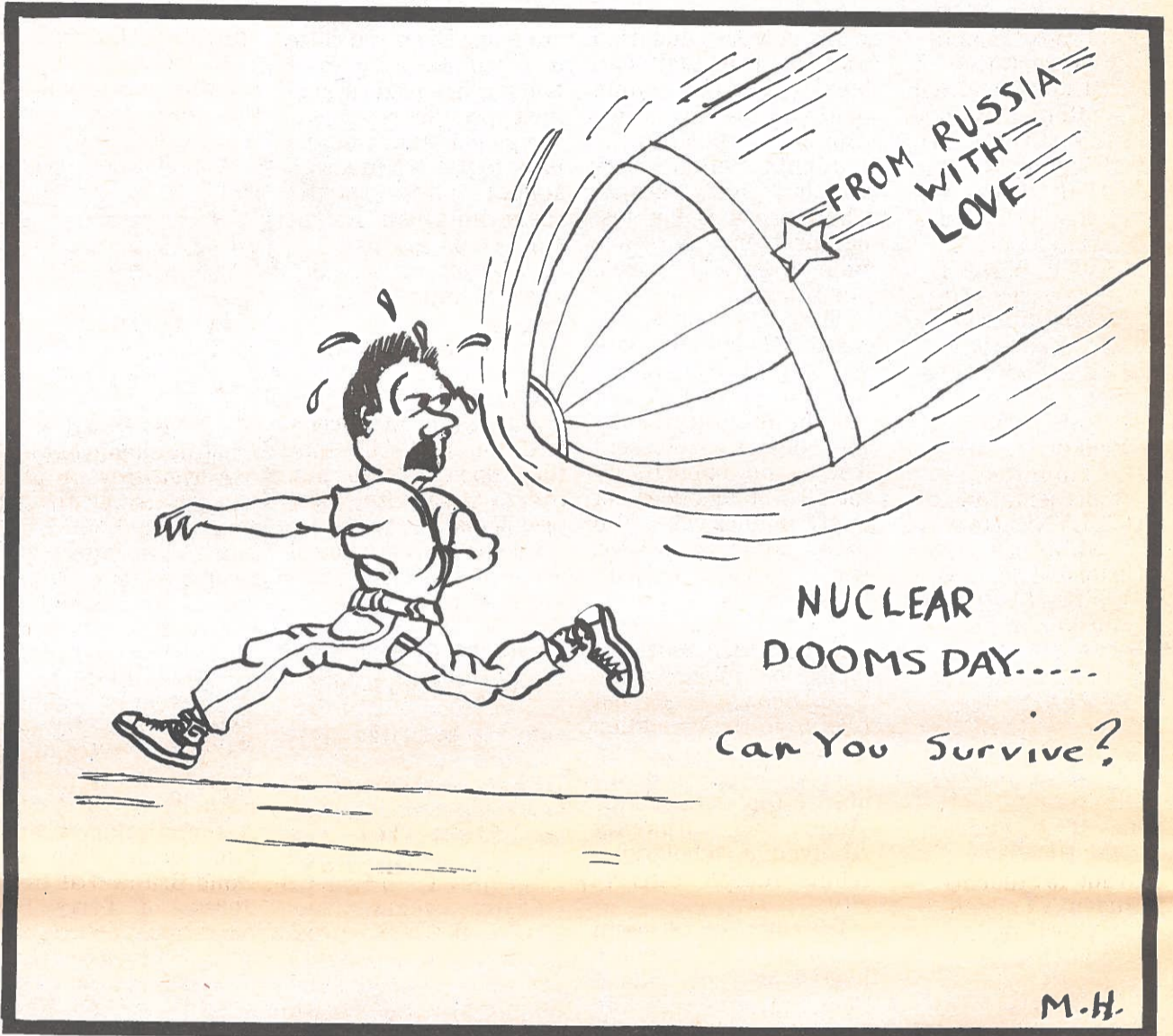
vations, and certainly don't lay out any money for your trip, until you do have a valid passport in hand. Nothing could be worse than having to cancel a trip and possibly losing your deposit, all because your passport didn't arrive when you needed it.

Actually, obtaining a passport is quite simple for most Canadian citizens. Occasionally there can be problems, and they always seem to arise when you need that passport in a hurry.

You should remember that passports are no longer renewable. They are good for five full years. After that, though you still have your old passport, if you want to travel overseas you have to go through the complete process of applying for a new one.

The first step in getting a passport is to obtain an application form, which is available at any Post Office.

ALLAN LAWRENCE,
P.C., Q.C., M.P.
(Durham-Northumberland)



PASSPORT ANYONE?

COMMUNITY SPEAKS OUT AGAINST SCHOOL CLOSING

The following material has been reprinted from the briefs submitted at the School Accommodation Committee Public Meeting held on Tuesday, November 22nd, 1983 at 7:30 in the South Cavan Gym.

- AGENDA OF SPEAKERS**
BEN OLAN - Township Council Representative
LARRY KEATES - Millbrook Council Representative
IVY MATWEY - Real Estate Representative
JOAN MACDONALD - Local Business Person
WILLIAM OLAN - Millbrook and District Lion's Club
FATHER WALSH - Clergymen's and Congregational Representative
BERNIE O'HIGGINS - Senior Citizen
CORRESPONDENCE - Wendy Brown - Committee Representative
JOCELYNE DAW - Millbrook Historical Society
JIM O'NEILL - Local Businessman
CELIA HUNTER - Community Representative
FRAN FERNLEY - Community School Newspaper Representative
ANN BRAAT - Parent
KIM HEATON - Grade 13 Student, Student's Council
LISA SCHMOR - Grade 6 Student, Student's Council

several times a week, to replace a school bus. Let me give you one example: My son is momentarily involved with driver education and in the last two weeks he has come home on the bus twice. This will happen to the students when they reach that stage. Therefore it is not just our problem, there are many more after school activities.

Time is costly to many people and so are the gas prices. That is why the P.C.B.E. cut out the majority of the late busses. You see: The same opportunity for all students does not apply in this case. Too many students live too far away from Crestwood.

It seems that some trustees feel that the education in Millbrook High Schools does not live up to the education in Peterborough High Schools. Well, you are not well informed. This year two students received a scholarship from Guelph University.

In the U.S.A. and Canada studies have been done, reports have been made and the results are that they like to go back to smaller schools to make education more personal; to reduce the amount of students leaving school without graduation; to reduce or avoid discipline problems. However, the P.C.B.E. feels the need to go through all the stages, failures included. We don't have a drug or discipline problem in Millbrook High School! Can you say that from Peterborough Schools?

A different reason we like to keep our students in Millbrook is; we want them to be part of this community, so they can participate in Community activities.

Also, Millbrook High School is the only school in this area prepared to accommodate handicapped students. It happened to be important about a year ago when the board decided that handicapped students should be able to attend public high schools.

Because Millbrook High School is a smaller school, students in needs of extra attention do get extra attention and don't get lost in the system. Here we do have the same opportunities for all the students.

Quit playing this cat and mouse game with Millbrook. First you tried to close our high school due to lack of students. Then you close a school because of it being a fire hazard, and next you start crying for the poor taxpayers who have to pay too much on school taxes. In the meantime you invent two new programs.

1st Busing for the French immersion students

2nd Pre-Kindergarten

Up go our taxes! It is about time Millbrook told the P.C.B.E. that they don't like to pay more taxes for new programs.

I do not feel the board is entitled to tell us what is best for our children. We can do that very well ourselves.

STATEMENT FROM Jim O'Neill, Owner of Tea & Company

"Fifty years ago, Millbrook was a prosperous community with several thousand people, five hotels and a bustling main street. The Millbrook Historical Society has photographs which show us all that this village was once a dynamic commercial centre for the whole area.

But the last half-century hasn't been kind to Millbrook.

Pieces of the village which gave it soul and character have disappeared one by one. What's left is a community that's struggling to find itself.

People from out of town who've come to the tea room have been taken by Millbrook and some of them have talked about raising families here. It hasn't been easy to tell them that the village may lose its high school — and that, unless something is done fast, Millbrook may turn into just another suburban dormitory.

But I believe that Millbrook can be more than just a place to sleep. One of the reasons why I've made a major investment on the main street of the village is that I think Millbrook has a future. But I also strongly believe that future is closely tied to all the opportunities we should be able to offer the next generation.

But if we're now going to be forced to tell these kids they have to take ten bus rides a week to finish their high school education, then I think we'd better get ready for the real possibility that, one day, most of them won't want to come home. Thank you."

O.F.A. Makes Headway

By David Brackenbridge

Agriculture was in the headlines in 1983. Canagrex, F.C.C., farm gate barricades, farm property tax rebates were all issues that O.F.A. had input to. I will list some of these areas and report on O.F.A.'s involvement.

The Ontario Corn Producers Association came into being with help from O.F.A. This Association now operates on its own with Doug Brunton as president and Terry Daynard as secretary-manager. This association has 2000 members.

After seven years of debate the Canagrex bill was finally passed. The need for an agency to co-ordinate exports, and help sell our products to foreign buyers, was first put forward by O.F.A. Mr. Ed Storey will be the head of Canagrex.

O.F.A. took the lead in helping out farmers



"Has anyone seen my golf ball?"

— Photo by Harald Glass

in financial difficulty by establishing the Farm Financial Advisory Service.

O.F.A. has become involved in amendments to farm credit legislation, or more commonly the 'Ralph Ferguson Bill'.

In the area of capital gains, O.F.A. continues to push for its abolition. In the interim we see the need for adjusting the cost base by an inflation factor. Also farmers should be able to roll over the taxable portion of capital gains into an R.R.S.P.

The area of farm credit has been in the news. Farm Credit Corporation didn't have enough funds to work with for most of the year. O.F.A. continues to push for an adequate supply of long term, affordable credit. F.C.C. rates are still too high.

O.F.A. feels that their Agri Bond proposal would be a solution, if the Federal government would accept it.

O.F.A. meeting with livestock groups have agreed to monitor the animal welfare movement and to develop strategies to counter the influence of the movement on the public and on government policy.

It was a busy year and not a particularly good one for farmers. We feel frustrated at government inaction in dealing with problems in the farm economy. O.F.A. is committed to continue its strategy of briefing the government, issuing news releases and reports, speaking out publicly on agricultural topics and other activities usually associated with lobbying efforts.

STATEMENT FROM Anne Braat, Parent

It has been more than six years since we came to Millbrook. We came here because we like it to have the Ganaraska Forest as a neighbour, a little village to purchase our every day needs, and more important, we like the schools. All the schools within a 15 minute drive from our home. The P.C.B.E. is working hard to take the Millbrook High School away, and bus all our high school students to Crestwood Secondary School.

I checked the distance from our home to Crestwood Second School and it measures just over 29 kilometres. That means that the bus will come a lot earlier than eight o'clock in the morning and the students will be home later in the afternoon. It also means that they will be deprived of extra curricular activities. In our case: with a father working in Oshawa and a mother having her daily duties it is impossible to drive 29 kilometres up and down to Peterborough,

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CUBS IN PONTYPOOL START UP AFTER HOLIDAY SEASON

I would like to wish all my readers a Happy New Year. There were a number of New Year's Eve dances around the township, including one at the Pontypool Community Hall. We trust your celebrations were done in safety. I hope you haven't abandoned all those resolutions you made to start 1984.

Bowling for ladies at Millbrook Lanes - Tuesday, January 2nd.

Nursery. - Tuesday, January 3rd - still open for enrolment. See Mrs. Siebenga.

Guides - Wednesday, January 4th. The Guides also have a Winter Camp in January. Get out your fur jackets and leg warmers.

Keenagers - Thursday, January 5.

Bingo - Tuesday, January 10.

Brownies - Wednesday, January 11.

All of the above are the dates for reopening after the holiday season.

On December 3rd, the Figure Skating Club held a Penny Sale at the Community Hall. They would like to thank everyone who helped make it a big success.

If your program isn't all filled up, Mel Neal will be glad to take late registrations for her Fitness Class for Ladies at Grandview Public School, Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30. Contact Mel right away at 277-2480.

On Sunday, January 29th at 7:30 p.m. in the basement is the Annual Congregational Meeting of Pontypool United Church. Hear about the progress of your church.

On Saturday, December 10, a delicious turkey and ham dinner was served to approximately 50 members of the Pontypool Keenagers, at the Pontypool Community Centre. Mr. John MacMillan, Vice-President, who was unable to attend. After the dinner, John called on Herman Webb, a long time neighbor of the Cains, to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Cain on the occasion of their 59th Wedding Anniversary. A corsage was pinned on Ina Cain, and a boutonniere on Aubrey. They were presented with a decorated cake and an anniversary card, in-

scribed with each member's name.

There were five lucky chairs and the winners were Bessie Van Dam, Alice Bradley, Ina Cain, Ab Bowins and Ralph Holtby. Each won a silver dollar.

A card game and dance followed with music supplied by Paul Mucha, Ken Preston and George Van Dam.

On Thursday, December 15 a meeting was held with an attendance of 35. Due to the absence of our President and Vice-President, this was not an official meeting.

Congratulations on January 7th to Alice and Glen Bradley on the occasion of their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Webb have joined our group, and we now have 61 members.

Eight tables of euchre were played. High man was Harold Moore. High lady was Yvonne Fallis. Elsie

Fallis and Yvonne tied for first place, but Yvonne won by drawing a highcard to break the tie. Each received a Wintario ticket. A lunch of sandwiches, cheese and crackers, Christmas cookies and cake was served.

On Wednesday evening, December 14th, twelve of our members attended the Carol Singing by the Brownies at the Pontypool Community Centre, and we had a most enjoyable time. Hot chocolate and doughnuts were served, and each of us were presented with a Christmas candle made by the Brownies. It was also, quite separately, the Guides Christmas Party.

We are now inviting membership in Goal Achievers of Manvers (GAM), a new self-improvement group. There are a variety of goals including weight loss and we encourage progress in all of these. Please get in touch with Pam Molloy, 277-2078.

It was very lovely for Harold Wilson to be home for Christmas. While he was home, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were

guests of their son, Robert Wilson, wife and sons and also Donna Thompson, Robert's sister from Bowmanville. Harold returned to Toronto on December 28th, 1983.

Musical Group Serves Community

By Doris Ingham

There is a group of men who contribute a great deal of their time and talent for the benefit of the community. They call themselves "The Preservation Barnyard Banjo Band." Intrigued by the name I asked for an explanation. From the "barnyard" part of their title it was plain they wanted to be identified as a rural group, but why the "preservation" and why "banjo" when so many other instruments are involved? The explanation was a little less clear. It seems some group in New Orleans included "preservation" in their title and the men here liked it. The men wear straw hats and colorful overalls.

The band was started about 10 years ago. At first it was just a trio, Jim Flood, who was to become the leader, Bob Carr and Walter Challice, all members of Branch 402 of the Royal Canadian Legion. Now it has grown to be quite a large group. They entertain at all legion functions. In fact at one time they considered calling themselves "Br. 402 Show Band," but the old name stuck. The bank plays each year at the Lions' club Pancake-Maple Syrup Festival, at St. Andrew's Strawberry Social and take part in parades.

Perhaps the greatest contribution is the time spent in nursing homes and residences for the elderly. They play regularly at Springdale

Nursing Home and at Peterborough Civic Hospital and Extending-care. They have also entertained at the Golden Plough Lodge in Cobourg, in Oshawa's Extending-care and at the luncheon in Peterborough's St. Andrew's Church which the Peterborough Ladies' Legion were serving to senior citizens.

They play a wide variety of instruments. Most members are accomplished on two or three different ones. Among instruments played as well as banjos are an accordion, saxophone, drums, violins, the piano, a double bass (homemade by Ted Fullager, leader of Br. 402 junior drum corps).

Bob Carr plays the violin, the banjo and the mandolin. Walter Challice performs on the violin and on a vandolin, both made by himself as well as on a regular violin. Bob Todd is on the violin, Bill Brooks the piano or banjo, Jake Van Dam the accordion, Bill Pearce the saxophone, Jim Young the harmonica, Bert Hoyland the drums or tambourine.

Jim Flood, the leader, plays the banjo and mandolin. Rex Park is vocalist for the group

and plays the double bass (the one made by Ted Fullager).

These are the regulars in the band, although all of them do not play for every performance. Sometimes the group is full force, sometimes much smaller.

As well as these regulars the following men play occasionally, Ted Fullager on the drums, Sandy Heard on the Saxophone, Roger Challice on the banjo, Gene Bull, Pat Hughes and Nancy Saunders on guitars.

Recently from funds raised members of the band acquired new costumes with the Dixie Land Format including vests, bow ties, arm bands and straw hats. Jim Flood asked me to express appreciation to all the band members for their ready co-operation and to say a special thank-you to the women who turned in and made the new costumes.

In case you were puzzled by the name "vandolin" as I was, they tell me it is like a violin but has eight strings. Walter Challice who made the instrument and plays it has appeared on television with his creations from a fuel can and from a plastic drum which actually can be played with good effect.

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STONE SOUP

January Kitchen Phobia

By Evelyn Raab

I have this theory about January. Everyone is on a diet, right? Well, surely all these people can't be overweight -- and if they are, certainly they have been so for months, maybe years. So why January? Everyone is sick to death of cooking, that's why January. After a seemingly endless procession of guests, all of whom require feeding and leave enormous piles of dirty dishes, going on a diet appears almost a relief. It gets you out of the kitchen, gives you an excuse not to entertain, ("Sorry Blanche, we'd love to have you over for dinner but you know Fred and I are on a diet ..."), and leaves relatively few messes in the kitchen (cottage cheese - no cooking; salad - no cooking; lowfat yogurt eaten out of the container - no cooking, no dishes). There is one problem. Diets are horrible boring purgatory. Anyone who tells you otherwise is either lying or says they like jogging too (ha, I say!). My

solution to January Kitchen Phobia is fast food. Not the Colonel, thank you, nor Hamburger Helper, but good real food that practically fixes itself. The ultimate fast food dinner is a loaf of good bread, a hunk of cheese and a bottle of wine (beat that, McDonald's). If an extra five minutes preparation isn't out of the question add a salad, and if you think you can cope another 10 minutes, make some Spinach Soup. If you want to take a little more time - just a little - early, and make a wonderful dinner. Serve this with a nice green salad and some crusty French bread cut into cubes to dip into the cheese. There's a tradition about fondue. Whoever drops their bread into the pot must kiss the person on their right. So what if there's just the two of you.

12 oz. natural Swiss cheese, shredded
 4 oz. natural Gruyere cheese, shredded
 1 1/2 t cornstarch
 1 C dry white wine
 1 T lemon juice
 — Toss together the cheeses with the

cornstarch and set aside.

— Rub the inside of a heavy saucepan with a clove of garlic, halved; discard garlic.

— Pour in wine and lemon juice. Warm until bubbles rise to the surface, but don't let it boil.

— Throw in a handful of cheese, keeping heat medium (remember, don't boil!) stirring constantly. When melted, add another handful and another, until all used up. Season with dash of nutmeg and pepper.

— Quickly transfer to fondue pot over burner.

— Eat!
 here are a few suggestions.

Swiss Fondue

Remember that fondue pot you got as a wedding present? Dust it off, put the kids to bed eggs, cheese and butter. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

— Serves 2.



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This recipe may seem really strange, but it's one of my favorite pasta dishes. It's a nice change from the usual spaghetti sauce and it's ready in the time it takes the spaghetti to cook. I assure you the eggs do cook when they hit the hot spaghetti.

6 slices bacon
 2 eggs
 1/2 C grated parmesan cheese
 3 T butter
 1/2 t red pepper flakes (you can skip this, but it is nice)

1/2 lb spaghetti
 — Cook spaghetti as usual.

— While it's cooking, cut bacon into small pieces and fry with red pepper until crisp. Drain off about half the fat.

— Beat eggs together with cheese.

— As soon as spaghetti is cooked (not mushy!) drain it (DO NOT RINSE) and toss together with bacon,

Spinach Soup

The perfect soup for January when the world looks like a vast white wasteland. Put some green back in your life.

1 lb spinach
 2 T butter
 1/2 onion, grated
 2 T flour
 4 C milk

— Wash and steam spinach until wilted. Blend it until it's pureed.

— Melt the butter and saute the onion until soft. Add the flour, mix well and stir in milk.

— Heat, then add the spinach and stir for a minute or two. Season with salt and pepper. Don't allow the soup to boil.

— Serves 5 or 6.

Zabaglione

Just because you have kitchenphobia doesn't mean you shouldn't have dessert. Here's one that has all the elements of a good dessert: it has an exotic name, it contains no weird ingredients, and it takes about 10 minutes to make. Spoon it over

some fresh fruit or eat it on its own.

4 egg yolks
 2 T sugar
 2 T sherry, Madeira or Marsala

— Put yolks in top half of a double boiler. Beat them with a portable mixer until they are thick and pale.

— Gradually beat in sugar and then the wine.

— Place over simmering water, beating constantly until volume just about doubles. It should be fluffy and thick.

— 3 servings.

CORRECTION

Last month a gremlin jumped into my column and suggested you buy expensive black caviar to make the caviar mold. Even if I knew where to buy the stuff around here I would never have recommended using it in the recipe. It should read: "get the inexpensive black caviar ..." Sorry to all of you who have gone out and blown the budget.

Costs for Cable TV Surprise Council

By Celia Hunter

Cable TV in Millbrook may be more of an investment than taxpayers might expect.

In a letter to Millbrook council from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) last month, council was asked to initiate a \$15,500 program to ground and fuse the 102 street lights in the village in order to make the poles safe for cable attachment.

The proposed expenditure also includes completion of replacement of old incandescent lights with sodium fixtures and PUC suggests the program be spread over a three

year period. Trillium Cable TV of Barrie is expected to meet with Millbrook council and PUC to discuss feasibility and costs. At their December meeting, Millbrook councillors raised the question of how much support Cable TV would receive from villagers in view of the PUC proposal and the comparatively high monthly rates.

The rates allowed to Trillium Cable TV are up to \$18.50 per month for each, hook-up plus a \$35 installation fee. In most large cities, Cable TV costs the consumer approximately \$8 per month.

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First Millbrook Chronicle Published in 1962

HISTORIC CAVAN

By Jocelyne Daw

Over the years, Millbrook has seen many locally published newspapers - The Millbrook Messenger, first published back in the early 1860's, the Millbrook / Omeme Mirror, the Millbrook Reporter and the Millbrook Mirror/Reporter. But one of the most interesting of papers published was Arnold Armstrong's Millbrook Chronicle which served the community from 1962-1980.

Arnold Armstrong was born in the village of Millbrook, but left with his family at an early age to homestead in Saskatchewan. After several years, the family returned to Millbrook and Arnold spent the rest of his boyhood in the area. He was educated at the Millbrook public and high schools and took his first job at the Bank of Toronto in Millbrook. After 18 moves to various Banks of Toronto, he decided a banking career was not for him. The next years of his life, however saw him continue travelling from Vancouver to Lindsay, to Peterborough to the Canadian north to the St. Lawrence Seaway and finally back to

Millbrook. During these years he held a variety of jobs - accountant, business manager for the Peterborough Clinic and working on construction projects like the DEW line, the St. Lawrence Seaway and Hwy. 115.

Throughout these years, he spent time as well, on one of his most passionate interests - journalistic writing.

"Most of the freelance writing I did was on sports," recalls Mr. Armstrong. "I would go and cover the local softball and hockey ball and hockey games."

His first stint of freelance writing was while he lived in Lindsay. He covered the local softball games for the Lindsay Post. In Peterborough, he followed the local baseball and hockey teams for the Peterborough Examiner.

"I enjoyed sports and writing up the games, but I never received payment for my work," stated Mr. Armstrong (things haven't changed.)

All his freelance experience and his interest in writing led Mr. Armstrong to start a newspaper of his own - the Millbrook Chronicle, first published Wednesday, January 17, 1962.

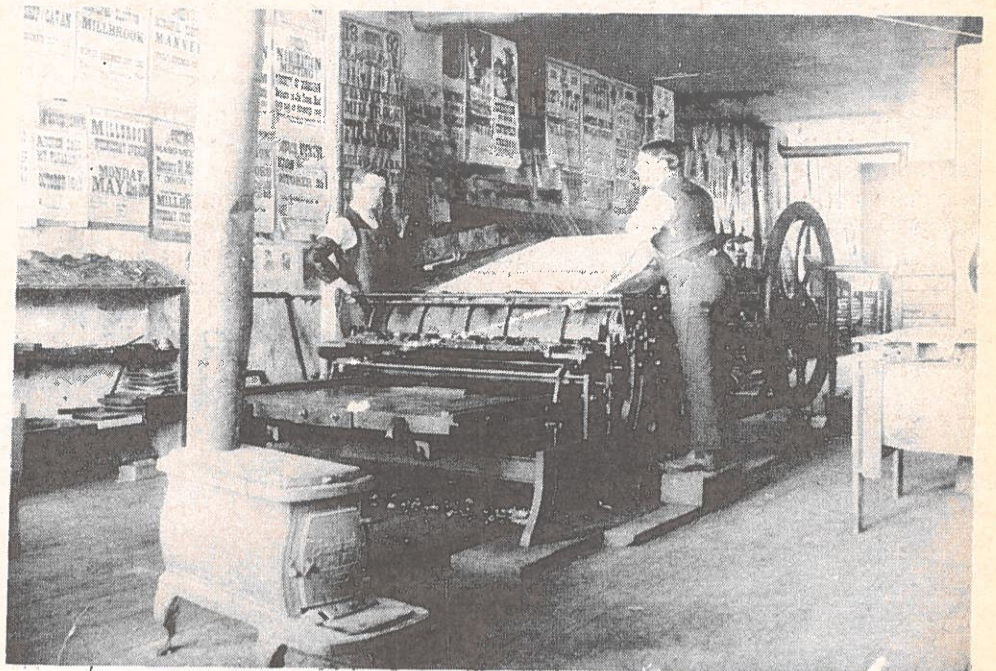
The Chronicle was a

weekly paper focusing solely on local events - political, social and sporting.

Mr. Armstrong was the sole reporter in the early years and he could be seen at a hockey game one minute and at the town hall covering council the next. While he was kept busy with his commitments to the paper, it was only a part-time job and he spent the rest of his time working for Smith Transport.

The whole newspaper operation was run out of his house - writing, typing, layout and design and the paper was published locally by Percy (Carl) Martin. Mr. Armstrong charged a nominal fee for the paper and subscribers in the early years received their copies in the mail. The post office allowed special mailing privileges for papers, but when that policy was dropped, Mr. Armstrong distributed copies of the paper to stores around the village, and interested readers picked up their copies there.

The Chronicle was published on regular white paper measuring 4" x 8½" and was generally 7-8 pages in length. Reading through old copies of the paper is like reliving the years during which it was published. Editorials



Interior of Millbrook Mirror (1910-1920).

— Photo Courtesy of Homer Ouellette

covered items of current interest and local and district sports included coverage of softball, hockey and lacrosse games. Issues of the paper also featured a column entitled "Do You Remember?" looking back on past years in Millbrook and what was happening at that time:

"1930 -
— Henry Raper went to Hamilton to compete in the Empire Games" or

"1942 -
— Mrs. A.R. Payne won a pure bred Yorkshire sow in a Red Cross draw at the livestock show.

— Russell Smith picked up a 'shiner' when his bicycle threw him on the school hill."

The Chronicle, much to the delight of villagers, also carried a social column - of who was visiting who, who was going where, who was doing what etc.:

"Doug Sheppard Jr. of Queen's U. is visiting his parents. We understand Doug is going to the NWT this summer on a survey assignment."

"Ted Skitch and family of Niagara Falls is in town for the holiday. Ted intends to stay around for a try at

the trout fishing on opening night."

"Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fowler spent the weekend in Washington, D.C."

Later, the newspaper carried a column for "homemakers" written by Sandra Taylor and a report from Corporal Thompson on accidents, arrests etc. for that week.

The Chronicle in addition to subscribers fees also carried advertising from local stores and businesses as well as political candidates and local residents who had items for sale.

The Chronicle, however, was not the only paper in the village during its early years. The Port Hope Guide featured a Millbrook section in its Thursday edition. Mr. Armstrong wrote 1-3 pages of local items for one year when the Guide decided to drop this portion of the paper. As well, the Millbrook Mirror / Reporter, whose office was located where Chong's is today, was being published by Harvey Armstrong (no relation to Arnold). The Mirror / Reporter came into

being about 1920, after an amalgamation of the Millbrook/Omeme Mirror and the Millbrook Reporter. Mr. H. Armstrong took it over in the 1940's and ran it until the early 1970's.

When it closed it left the Millbrook Chronicle as the sole locally published paper. Mr. Armstrong continued running it with the last paper being published in 1980. While it was not always regularly published in its almost 20 year history well over 400 issues were released in the Millbrook area.

Mr. Armstrong "thoroughly enjoyed" his years writing the paper and his contribution to the quality of life in Millbrook was appreciated by all those who enjoyed the Chronicle over the years.

Today, Mr. Armstrong lives in the Senior Citizens complex in Millbrook and while he is not contributing (yet) to the current local paper, he is busy at work writing the History of Millbrook From 1875 (the date of the great fire) to the present.

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Land Use - Land Abuse — A Farmer's Viewpoint

By Ken Fallis

We've often used these columns to talk about crop rotations as opposed to a one crop system, like all corn. We've talked about plow down crops like red clover, their effects on soil fertility and soil structure. I think we talked about perennial sod crops, like alfalfa and brome grass, and their role in eliminating both wind and water erosion.

In all this soil management talk, I have the conviction that we're preaching to the converted. But like the preacher, the sermon makes us feel good, even if the congregation doesn't need it. The corn farmer who found his yields going down, his fields harder to work, gullies getting deeper, didn't take long to take action to improve the situation. And his neighbour soon got the message and, believe it or not, the net return from the crop rotation soon exceeded the net returns from the single crop.

Left alone, land has tremendous recuperative power. A bare gravel knoll will soon boast a few adapted weeds. When the weeds provide a partial cover, grass will take over. When grass is established a few seedling trees show up. And in the course of several generations the gravel knoll becomes a forest, or a woodlot. Soil deterioration by bad farming is not a condition which cannot be improved. And, as good farmland becomes increasingly scarce and higher priced farmers generally are taking better care of the acres they still have.

But Man, with 20th century technology has discovered a low cost, highly effective way to prevent our soil heritage from ever again producing food crops or forest products. Simple, just pave it over! So we have farmland converted into super highways, parking lots, airports, houses and factories. When a few feeble questions are asked about the wanton and frequently needless destruction of farmlands, the response, from the urbanite is "Will it raise the price of food?"

The honest answer has to be "yes." Maybe not this year or next year, but eventually. Development always takes place nearest the major cities and it is no accident that our cities have founded on choice agricultural land. Our

forebears knew good farmland, and knew the importance of water, its effects on climate, transportation and industry. Most of the development affecting farmland takes place on class I or class II lands in the vicinity of major cities. A major developer, since bankrupt offered these gems of wisdom at a public meeting.

1. The best farmlands make the best residential land.

2. The lowest return from good farmland is farming. A parking lot, an IGA store, even a five room bungalow are creating more revenue for the owner than a 100 bushel corn crop on a 70 bushel wheat crop.

But it's not only the owner who benefits from the increased revenue. The five room bungalow on a 50 foot lot returns more tax dollars than the 100 acre farm of which it was once a part. So it is understandable that municipal councillors don't make too much of a fuss about retaining good farmland in farming. Demands for roads, schools, welfare, and no comparable increases in government grants, make any development to increase tax revenues hard to resist.

What about the farmer, the owner? During a lifetime of hard work, his profits, if any, were spent not in riotous living, but in farm improvements like drainage, livestock, buildings. So now he is tired, wants to retire. His only son, a successful lawyer, politician or what ever, has no interest in farming. Zoning by-laws are pretty flexible, so he has a choice, \$100,000 from a neighbour farm boy, and the farm will go on producing food, or \$300,000 - from a developer whose returns on the house he builds, if he sells them, will for outstrip the profits of the young farmer, even if he was able to buy for one third of the developer's cost.

Let's come back to the decision facing the retired farmer a bit later. Let's take a look at land classifications. Class I

land is optimum farm land. It's productivity in terms of crop production is rated 100. It is very scarce. Within the areas mapped Class I are lots of acres which could be pulled out and classified as II or III.

Class II land is productivity rates 80 compared to I slopes may be steeper, drainage may be poorer, stones may be more plentiful. But, apart from the small and rapidly getting smaller acreage of Class I land, it's the best we've got.

In the interests of brevity, let's just say that Class III land rates 64, and Class IV land rates 49. The inputs, fertilizer, fuel, farm machinery depreciation, and, the farmer's managerial skill and technical knowledge, would create greater returns to the farmer, the Canadian consumer, and the Canadian economy, if they were expanded on Class I and II farmlands.

There is one point that should be noted. The long season tobacco growing areas of Norfolk, Elgin Counties is not included in the land use classifications. Because of droughty sands and low organic matter, these soils might make a Class V or VI. But in terms of cash crop dollars they rank No. 1.

Conversely, much of the Great Clay Belt of Northern Ontario level stone free high calcium soils can be classed number 1 if the organic matter is measurable. Frequently it isn't, but the great plus for the Great Clay Belt, is hours of sunshine, during the months of June, July, August, from about 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the days when it isn't raining.

On the negative side, winters and springs are too severe for fall seeded wheat. Sometime hardier varieties of fall rye survive.

But the main drawbacks are late spring frosts, delayed seedings, (into June) wet harvests (Aug. and Sept.) and killing frost as early as Sept. 1. This very abbreviated frost-

free period precludes too optimistic promotion of crops such as grain corn, soybeans, even with early maturing new varieties. Plant breeders, concerned with the very real possibility of a climate becoming increasingly colder in this Northern Hemisphere, are directing considerable attention to earlier maturing varieties, not only of corn and soybeans, but also of cereal varieties, wheat, oats, and barley. But, corn and soybean varieties are adapted, and successful, in the area of greatest use, i.e. Southern Ontario. But Northern Ontario can and does grow dry peas, you know the yellow peas in French Canadian Pea Soup, and the green peas that make the delicious, thick, green pea soup.

I believe in the North. I love the North for its excellence in what God ordained it can do. And I anticipate that they will expand their poultry, dairy, and vegetable enterprises to accommodate an increasing industrial population. And I hope, though I cannot demand that somewhere between Matheson and Cochrane they'll revive the pea crop industry. You know, the kind that makes the yellow pea soup.

It's nice to know somebody else has the same concerns as I. On August 30, Toronto Globe, an article detailed the "development" in Haldimand - Norfolk, Townsend, and Eastern Ontario, Edwardsburg land acquisitions. On August 31, a Globe front page story reports at length on a federal study under the heading "Canada's Farmland Quickly Disappearing." On September 1, an editorial in the same paper quotes from the study by Environment Canada, "Ontario cost, between 1961 and 1976, 20% of its farm land." The editorial takes more space than I rate in the Highlighter so it goes on to report on farmland reductions, in other provinces, but the Globe rightly

emphasizes the Niagara fruit belt and the Okanagan Valley of B.C. And finally, September 2, columnist Orland French devotes his space to the history of the Townsend 13,000 acres purchased by the Ontario Government to eventually accommodate a city of a quarter of a million people. Some 10 years after expropriation, the population, estimated by French is 350.

Getting back to our farmer who wants to retire with income to do the things he never had time or money for, during the last 50 years. He deserves the best. If the developer's prices is 3-5 times as great as the best offer from the farmer neighbour, why not? If the farmer remains in the community, he'll see his barns destroyed, maybe his house, or it may become a boutique, whatever that is, tile drains devastated by excavations, alfalfa fields paved over for parking lots. Should he care?

His pension is not the money he made farming, it is the equity he built up in his farm. He deserves every inflated nickel. And, if the "developer" happens to be Ontario Housing or Canada Transport he hasn't any choice anyway. From bitter experience, I know! But, if it's private enterprise he can still decide whether to accept the modest income realized from sale to another farmer, and have the satisfaction of seeing his fields of corn and alfalfa continuing to feed Holsteins or Herefords, his buildings remaining and updated as technology advances.

In all fairness, and in keeping with the best principles of modern business, the retiring

farmer should accept the best offer. But if the moughings of our politicians mean anything but that, then we should see our farmer getting paid as much as his Class I land as another farmer on Class IV or V land and the young farmer able to buy at a price that projected farm income can afford. But the tax dollars necessarily expended on such a program would be returned many fold in the national economy, and to the advantage of future, even present generations, in the price of groceries. And, if our tax dollars were devoted to preserving and enhancing natural and human resources instead of domed stations, astrotun, prestigious public buildings, and a "reformed" senate.

We the taxpayers, wouldn't necessarily feel the bite of increased sales and income taxes.

School Plans

Activity Day

During the week of February 20 to 24 there will be a winter carnival held at Millbrook High and Intermediate School (MHIS) for the students there.

Some of the activities that will be held are a snow sculpture contest, a snow king and queen contest, a pie eating contest, danger darts (paper airplane throwing), a coke chugging contest, a balloon shaving contest and an activity day.

During this activity day students at MHIS will have a choice between at least four activities and a possible six. The activities are bowling, down hill skiing, ice skating at the Millbrook arena and swimming. The two that are questionable are raquetball and a movie.

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SPORTS

Millbrook Fitness Club Sponsors Arm Wrestling Contest

By Karie Armstrong
On December 3, 1983, the Millbrook Fitness Club held their annual Arm Wrestling Competition in the upstairs of the Millbrook Arena.

According to Steve Powell, President of the Millbrook Fitness Club, it was a success due to the amount of participation. In all 28 people entered in the contest; all showing good sportsmanship and everyone enjoying the afternoon competition.

There were 6 categories for competition. In women's, Valerie Hubbard was the winner while Lynn Hewitt took the consolation. In the 150 lb. and under class, the winner was Sean Hogg and runner-up was Kelly Higgs. In the 150 - 170 lb. class, Paul Clarke took first prize and the consolation was taken by Nino Benedict. In the 170-200 lb. category, Mike Menard took the honors and Dave Powell was the runner-up. In the 200 lbs. and over class, Ernie Doig was the winner while Steve

Black came in second. In the 40 years of age and over category, Ralph Lunn Sr. took the honors.

The Millbrook Fitness Club is an organization started by a group of gentlemen, namely, Steve Powell - President, Murray Farrow - Vice President, Steven Black - Secretary Treasurer, Mike Corfe - Property Convenor, Doug Powell - Public Relations and Randy Saunders and Jim Robbins - Fund-Raising Convenors.

These men started the club to promote the aspect of physical fitness throughout the community of Millbrook, and surrounding areas.

The Millbrook Fitness Club will be starting off its 1984 season with various membership specials, featuring ladies classes in aerobics to be held Monday and Thursday evenings.

Being a member of the Fitness Club, I can say from experience that these classes are well worth the efforts

and the money. The friendly atmosphere, variety of equipment including a sauna and showers, make your work-out more enjoyable.

Come down and take a walk through the club. If there are any questions or any aspect of the Club you're interested in, talk to the fellows, and they'll be happy to answer any questions.

The Fitness Club would like to extend to everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year with special thanks from the executive to Rob McKend, Bill Manley, Doug Manley and Doug Gillis and everyone else who helped out at their last dance on December 3, following the Arm Wrestling Contest, and to anyone who has helped the club over the year.

Now don't forget to come on down to the club, and let's work off that Christmas BULGE!

Curling Club Active at Arena

By Kathy Swan
On November 2, at the Millbrook Arena, the Curling Club started.

There are 32 curlers and 4 draws. They curl every Wednesday night from 7-9 p.m.

On December 7, there was to be a Christmas party for all curlers.

On March 31, there is going to be a Bonspiel tournament for the curlers.



He shoots --- he scores? Players turn to find the puck during the Millbrook - Gothenburg game held January 2 at the arena. Below, Reeve Gerry Todd drops the puck for the opening face-off.

Sunday Night Hockey an Area Concern

By Brenda Fallis
There are six teams that play hockey on Sunday evenings. The teams are: North Cavan, South Cavan, Millbrook, Cedar Valley, Fraserville and Baillieboro.

The time that they play is 7-8:20 and the last game at 9:40 to 11 o'clock.

There are four coaches, Ben Olan, Bob Gillis, Art Vowles and Wilfred Gillis, leaving two teams without a coach.

So far Fraserville and North Cavan are tied for first place.

Instead of paying admission they sell 50/50 draw tickets.

The Sunday night league hosted a tournament on January 6 and 7 at the Millbrook arena.

Millbrook 'A's Prove Hard To Beat

With the 1983-84 regular schedule more than half over, the Millbrook O.M.H.A. Novice "A" team has yet to be defeated in regular season play. They have been defeated only three times in a total of 20 games to date which include exhibition and tournament play. Two of these losses were to a select All-Star Novice team from Cobourg. The other loss was in a



tie-breaking shoot out to the Oshawa Red Wings of the Oshawa Little N.H.L. League. This occurred at the Manvers Novice Tournament in November.

These 14 home grown kids have combined excellent scoring talents and determined defensive play to establish themselves as one of the better Novice teams in the area. Led by Steven Hogg, these boys have scored 101 goals and have allowed only 33 to be scored against them in a total of 20 league, exhibition and tournament games as of Jan. 8, 1984. In the nets, Shawn West has allowed only 1.6 goals per game as an average and has held his opposition scoreless in 6 of the games played so far. As their passing improves and their fore-checking becomes more persistent, these boys will be tough to beat at any time.

On Dec. 30, 1983 the Millbrook Novices won games against Bobcaygeon, Little Britain and Oakwood to win the

Championship trophy plaque in a very exciting well run tournament at Woodville.

On Jan. 7, 1984 they defeated Bobcaygeon, Oakwood and Ennismore to again bring home the championship trophy.

Upcoming out of town tournaments include the Oakwood tournament on Jan. 21, 1984 and the Oshawa Little N.H.L. Novice tournament on Jan. 28, 1984. The next home game is on Jan. 22, 1984 at 3:00 p.m. at the Millbrook and area Community Centre. If you enjoy spirited, enthusiastic Novice hockey come out to the arena and support the Millbrook Novices. These boys will entertain you.

The Millbrook Novice team members: David Brooks, Steven Hogg, Shane Smith, Steven Worr, Robbie Carew, Adrian Allen, Paul Gillis, Wesley Gonder, Robin Ivey, Mark Farrow, Ryan Delaney, Murray Hogg, Shawn West and John Doig.

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PLEASANT POTTERY

By Fran Fearnley
 "I've watched how people with big noses drink coffee," announces George Stewart. This may sound like a strange, even perverted pastime, but it's just one of the many activities associated with being a good functional potter. Stewart, whose studio adjoins his home and showroom - a 130 year old church in Mount Pleasant - is a highly productive potter of some 30 different items from teapots to planters.



George Stewart in action.

— Photo - Wayne Eardley

It's important for him to meet the people who buy his work so that he can find out what they like and dislike. "My point of view has been influenced by the things which people have said to me," which is probably why Stewart offers a much wider range of forms (shapes) than most potters. With, for example, over 20 different styles of coffee mugs, presumably to accommodate every nose shape. He also talks about two finger drinkers and one finger drinkers! But he's the first to admit that you can't please everyone. "I can make a jug and one person will comment, "This is an arm breaker" and

someone else will say, "Finally here's a good sturdy jug."

Stewart prefers to work in series, where he throws 20 or 30 of the same item one after the other. "You don't sit down to make a shape you have to find the right motion. As soon as the movements work then your pots improve. There are times when I'm working at the wheel when it becomes down-right mystical. This usually happens when I'm doing repetitious throwing."

Does all this sound like a wonderfully romantic way to earn a living? Stewart explained that some of the realities are that there are about many different steps along the way where things can go wrong and then all the

time, effort and material can be wasted. The firing process has to be extremely precise. "If the kiln doesn't reach exactly the right temperature at exactly the right time, then that pink flower that I so carefully brushed onto the pot is ruined. The pink can come out looking like melted bacon fat and the green stalk like the glass from a seven-up bottle."

Stewart produces mostly earthenware pottery and he has become known for his delicate designs depicting different flowers and grasses. He's been using this means of decorating since starting ceramics nine years ago, though at that time there were a few functional potters using brushwork.

There's a limited market for pottery in North America, Stewart feels, because not enough people appreciate that part of what makes each piece in-

teresting is that it's different from every other one. In Japan, on the other hand irregularities are considered an integral part of the pot.

Stewart used to wholesale his work through stores, but found that in order to keep up with demand he couldn't give each pot the time and attention he wanted to. Now he refuses to go this route. His pots can now only be bought at the Mount Pleasant Pottery, through the Attic Studio in Peterborough or at the few shows he attends annually.

Despite the fact that he's selling everything he produces Stewart doesn't feel that he's found his "way of potting" yet. His sincerity about his work shows strongly throughout our lively, humorous discussion. "This is the year for me to try new glazes and forms," he explains. He seems concerned that having found a market for his ceramics he's in danger of not experimenting and learning new ways of working with clay. "I have to think, "What will sell?"

This presents limitations that I'm sometimes not comfortable with." He'd love to teach pottery. One senses that it would be a stimulating experience to learn from such a skilled, dedicated and entertaining man.

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Dear Gabby

Dear Gabby;

My husband and I are planning our first holiday alone since the children were born. It should be a romantic get-away but we can't agree on a destination. He wants snow; I want sun and sand.

Please help to save our second honeymoon.
 Yours truly,
 Vacation Bound

Dear Vacation Bound;

I have found the male species usually less flexible than we females so I suggest that you go along with your husband's wishes. Just remember, a seductive nightie combined with a toasty fire and you could end up having a hotter time than you expected!

Have Fun
 Gabby

Dear Gabby;

My boyfriend and I have been dating for the past seven years. For the most part we are reasonably compatible but there is one thing he does that just drives me crazy.

Every Christmas I go to great lengths to find just the right gift to present to him — usually with justifiable pride. What do I get in return?

The same thing year after year — a five pound box of chocolates that he manages to devour before the new year rings in.

What can I do?
 Bored With Bon Bons

Dear Bored;

Your patience is remarkable, however, this year I would tell it to him like it is. Tell him you would appreciate a personal gift from him that reflects his true feelings for you. Make a few reasonable suggestions, but if he says he thinks of you as his little box of "sweets", tell him that he's about to be put on a stringent diet. That may just stir his creative instincts. If not, I'd look around for another "sugar-daddy".

Gabby

Dear Reader;

Gabby is running out of letters and problems to answer! The highlight of her otherwise uneventful day is opening and responding to mail from her devoted readers.

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OFFICIAL PLAN MODIFICATIONS

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation at the Township of Cavan are currently considering final modifications to the Official Plan of the Township. These modifications are the result of review of comments provided by the public and Provincial Agencies.

The proposed modifications reflect clarification of policy and minor policy changes. In addition a number of schedule changes are proposed; the most significant of which would change the designation of areas originally designated Rural in the Official Plan to Agricultural.

Additional information relating to the proposed modifications is available for inspection between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office in Millbrook.

Anyone wishing to comment on these modifications is requested to do so in writing to the Council by February 29, 1984.

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